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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: **GEORGE E. SMITH**  
APPLICATION NO.: **09/644,371**  
FILED: **AUGUST 23, 2000**  
FOR: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
OBSERVING CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES**

EXAMINER: **JOSEPH C. MEREK**  
ART UNIT: **3727**  
CONF. NO: **1295**

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The present communication responds to the Office Action dated June 17, 2004, in the above-identified application.

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